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KANSAS CITY is all right. She has become respectable once more.

JIMMIE REED's goose has been cooked. The result of last Tuesday's election in Kansas City laid him on the shelf.

THE democratic push of Linn county is getting ready to dodge by not instructing their delegates to the state convention.

BROOKFIELD proposes to maintain the reputation she has of electing none but republicans as her chief executive. Good for Brookfield.

The democratic press of Missouri continues to pile up evidence against the incompetency and rottenness of the dominant party in this state.

THE Easter number of the Argus issued last Saturday was as pretty as it was appropriate. It was a handsome piece of color printing and something very few country offices can do.

WITH a fair and honest election St. Louis can do even better than Kansas City did last Tuesday. If the repeaters and Indians can be controlled in St. Louis this fall Missouri will be republican.

WILLIE HEARST, who is spending the money his pa left him, is having lots of fun publishing yellow newspapers and running for the democratic nomination for the presidency. He has not yet credited the formation of the earth to himself but he is expected to make such announcement any day now in box-car letters. Hearst is about the biggest bunch of conceit and gall ever thrown together in one lump.

WHILE delegates to the St. Louis convention are being instructed for Parker, Olney, Hearst, and others, and many are talking of Gorman as a possible candidate, there is but one man thought of by the republican delegates for Chicago, and he is the president. His nomination by acclamation is now assured, for practically there is no opposition in the party. All that remains to be done after the nomination is for the voters to go to the ballot box. In vain have the Democrats, in and out of Congress, tried to pierce the republican armor; not a seam can be found. On the whole the democrats in this congress have by their votes endorsed the measure of the republican party, while at the same time clamoring loudly for investigations, for reducing appropriations, and having much to say about fraud, violation of law, disregard of precedent, et cetera. In the end they have voted for all the measures proposed, and have been unable to present a solid resisting front on any question. This is a great compliment to the honesty and ability of the republican party. Indeed, things have got to such a pass that the leader of the minority in the house, John Sharp Williams, announces that the party cry in the coming campaign will be: "Anything to beat Roosevelt." A transliteration of this would be: "Anything to elect a democratic," and this is what may be expected as the months roll by. But such an appeal will not convince the masses; for them the president is the ideal man—plain, blunt, honest; one would sit up nights, to guard and protect the interests of the country and promote the welfare of the people.

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The Moral of Hearst's Collapse.
From Kansas City Star.
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The Hearst boom was founded on money and on money alone. There was nothing in the man's record to inspire confidence; nothing to give him the slightest warrant for asking for the nomination. He had had no experience in public life save for a few months spent idly in congress. He had no part in his party counsels, he was not even on speaking terms with his colleagues in the house and senate. What was known of him personally was objectionable. His professional career had alienated public sentiment. All that Mr. Hearst had to depend on was his money. He could pick up weak delegates to the convention here and there by offering to pay their expenses and something to boot—by buying them. His agents might, of course, depend on fooling a few upright men into supporting him. But they had to rely in the main on various forms of bribes.

Fortunately the country is to be spared the disgrace of seeing the plot become even menacing. The democratic voters in the south and east resented the insult as soon as they were given the opportunity. The conspiracy has crumbled, almost in a night. Money has been shown to be a rotten foundation for a presidential boom. The notion that the nomination could be bought has been overwhelmingly repudiated and the essential morality of the American people has been once more demonstrated to the world.

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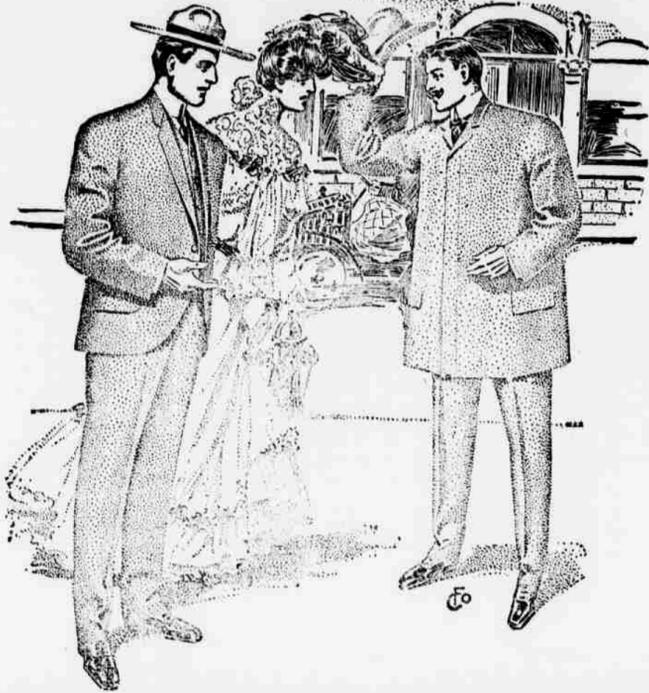
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